GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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PURCHASE OF STORES BY COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the principal of Malaviya Regional Engineering College, Jaipur approved purchase of stores amounting to Rs.58.34 lakh against the delegated financial power of Rs.1 lakh as has been pointed out by the C&AG in its Report No.4 of 2002 on page 13;

(b) if so, whether the College purchased a high powered drilling machine for sub-soil exploration but did not test the machine even after 3 and half years of its purchase;

(c) if so, whether the Government have inquired into and taken any action in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): Yes, sir. Malaviya Regional Engineering College, Jaipur (now MNIT, Jaipur) has purchased stores amountingto Rs.58.34 lakhs consisting of equipments costing more than Rs.1 lakh each during the period 1996-2001 on the recommendations of Store Purchase Committee having a representative of Finance Department, Government of Rajasthan as member.

Before purchasing the Sub-soil Exploration Trolley Mounted Drilling Machine in March, 1998, two faculty members ofthe concerned Department had seen the demonstration of the actual working of a similar machine at the works of the manufacturers. Machine, which was supplied to College was again tested when it was ready for despatch and after receipt in the College. The machine purchased under the scheme of `Centre of Excellence` is now being used for demonstration & training to the students.

The Government has deputed two Senior Officers from this Department to visit the College and inquire into the full details of Audit Report of C&AG.